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Chris Jones

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Johnny Duncan  
James Jones III  
DeAntae McCurdy

\*Indicates returning author



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# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



- All activities will be held at Fallbrook Church Gymnasium or adjacent buildings
- Exhibits, featured author sessions and seminars are FREE to the public
- Festival Food Court in Gymnasium opens 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday
- Tickets to special events may be purchased online at [www.nationalblackbookfestival.com](http://www.nationalblackbookfestival.com) or by calling (281) 444-4265

## THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 2016

### WELCOME TO HOUSTON RECEPTION

**7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.**

**Tickets:** \$40/person  
**Menu:** Full dinner buffet with beverages and desserts  
**Catered by:** Pappa's Catering  
**Location:** TBD  
**Host:** Pamela Jarmon-Wade  
Children's author  
[www.pamelajarmonwade.com](http://www.pamelajarmonwade.com)



## FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 2016

### GET ACQUAINTED BREAKFAST

**8:00 A.M.**

**Tickets:** \$30/person  
**Catered by:** Pappa's Catering  
**Location:** TBD  
**Featuring:** Marketing Tips for Success at NBBF  
**M/C:** Author Brenda A. White  
[www.brendaawhite.com](http://www.brendaawhite.com)



## GET FULL FESTIVAL PACKAGE AND SAVE:

*Tickets to all four eating events for only \$85.00:  
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*Website: [www.nationalblackbookfestival.com](http://www.nationalblackbookfestival.com)*

**10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

### **AUTHOR EXHIBITS OPEN:**

***100+ AUTHORS FROM ACROSS THE U.S.***

**Location:** Fallbrook Church Gymnasium

# FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 2016

**11:00 A.M.**

**Seminar:**  
**Social Media 101-Tips**  
**for Expanding Your**  
**Reach Via Social Media**

Presenter:

**Mary E. Evans**

Author

[www.thunderandlightningpicturebook.com](http://www.thunderandlightningpicturebook.com)

Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium (Rear)



**12:00 NOON**

**Power Lunch**

**Tickets:** \$30/person

**Catered by:** Pappa's Catering

**Location:** TBD

Featured Speaker:

**Brian W. Smith**

Award-Winning Author of 15+ Novels

[www.authorbrianwsmith.com](http://www.authorbrianwsmith.com)



M/C:

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Winner of

**"Boost Your Book"**

**Writing Competition Announced**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Seminar: Let's Get**  
**Drastic! Increase Your**  
**Book Sales by Speaking**

Presenter:

**Toni Harris**

Author, Coach, and  
Motivational Speaker

[www.toniharris.com](http://www.toniharris.com)

Location: TBD



**3:00 P.M.**

**Seminar: Transforming**  
**Books Into Films**

Presenter:

**J.M. Benjamin**

Author of the best-selling novel series,  
*Ride or Die Chick*, along with 10 other titles;  
CEO of A New Quality Publishing; screenplay  
writer and executive producer of film,

"*Moves We Make*"

[www.jmbenjamin.com](http://www.jmbenjamin.com)

Location: Fallbrook Church  
Gymnasium (Rear)



**5:00 P.M.**

**Featured Author:**  
**VALERIE WILSON WESLEY**

Author of eight mysteries, the  
*Willimena Rules!* children's book series, and  
two paranormal romances under pen name

Savanna Welles

[www.valeriewilsonwesley.com](http://www.valeriewilsonwesley.com)

Location: Fallbrook Church  
Gymnasium (Rear)



**Featured Author:**  
**MAUREEN SMITH**

Romance and suspense author of

20+ books, including the

*Wolf Pack* series and *Inferno*

[www.maureen-smith.com](http://www.maureen-smith.com)

Location: Fallbrook Church  
Gymnasium (Rear)



**Seminar: Bringing Out the**  
**Book In You**

Presenter:

**Bonnie Hopkins**

Author of four Christian fiction novels ,  
including *Seasons* and *Destiny*

Location: TBD



**NBBF Exhibits and Session Close for Friday –**  
**REOPEN SATURDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**





**Willie and Gwen Richardson,**  
Co-Founders  
National Black Book Festival

## **A WORD FROM THE NBBF CO-FOUNDERS**

This ninth anniversary of the National Black Book Festival will be the biggest and best one yet! Its purpose has always been to celebrate African-American literature and provide the Houston area and the Southwest region an opportunity to experience literary excellence for an entire weekend. We thank God for all He has done to allow this event to continue year after year.

We also want to thank Fallbrook Church for allowing us to host NBBF at this spacious facility for our fourth consecutive year. Pastor Michael Pender and his wife, Sister Jan, are shining examples of leaders within the body of Christ and the Houston community. The entire staff and ministry workers at Fallbrook have been incredibly gracious, and we cannot thank them enough for all of the assistance they provided.

Third, we want to thank the many volunteers who have dedicated themselves to assuring NBBF is successful, year after year. There are too many to name individually, but please know that your dedication is appreciated.

Next, we would like to thank the dozens of authors, publishers and other vendors who make NBBF one of the largest events of its kind in the country. The importance of expanding the quantity and quality of African-American literature, as well as motivating aspiring authors, cannot be overstated.

Finally, we would like to thank the book clubs and readers for continuing to support the book industry. We hope you purchase loads of books over the weekend at NBBF, resulting in hours of reading enjoyment in the coming months. Keep in touch with the authors you meet and share their experiences via social media.

The 2017 National Black Book Festival will be held October 26-28 at Fallbrook Church. Thank you for your continued support.

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# SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 2016

## NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8:00 A.M.

Tickets: \$30/person  
Catered by: Pappa's Catering  
Location: TBD  
M/C: Shelita Anderson, Author  
[www.shelitaanderson.com](http://www.shelitaanderson.com)



10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

**AUTHOR EXHIBITS OPEN:**

**100+ AUTHORS FROM ACROSS THE U.S.**

Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium



10:00 A.M.

**Featured Author:**

**Mathew Knowles**

Entertainment manager for Beyonce and  
Destiny's Child, author of  
*The DNA of Achievers*

Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium (Rear)

11:00 A.M.

**Featured Author:**

**Omar Tyree**

NY Times best-selling author of 20+ novels,  
including *Fly Girl*, *What They Want*, *Sweet St.  
Louis* and *All Access*

[www.omartyree.com](http://www.omartyree.com)

Location: TBD



**Seminar: Build Your Own  
Dream Team – No One Does It  
Alone**

Presenter:

**Chris Jones**

Author and Motivational Speaker  
[www.chrisjonesspeaks.com](http://www.chrisjonesspeaks.com)

Location: TBD



12:00 NOON

**Featured Authors:**

**Victoria  
Christopher Murray  
and  
ReShonda Tate  
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Authors of a combined total of  
50+ books and founders of Brown Girls Publishing  
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[www.browngirlsbooks.com](http://www.browngirlsbooks.com)  
Location: TBD



**Author/Book Club Meet and Greet**

Authors present their books to book club members  
(requires advance registration)

Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium (Rear)

**Seminar: A Few Good Men  
– A Path to Godly Fatherhood**

Presenter:

**Brother Prater**

Author, Minister, Musician, Public Speaker  
[www.brotherprater.org/?page\\_id=441](http://www.brotherprater.org/?page_id=441)

Location: TBD



1:00 P.M.

**Featured Author:  
Wahida Clark**

Urban fiction author of 15+ novels  
[www.wclarkpublishing.com](http://www.wclarkpublishing.com)  
Location: Fallbrook Church  
Gymnasium (Rear)



**Seminar: Table for 1, Please!  
“He Said, She Said”**

Presenter:

**D. Michelle Thompson**

Author, Speaker, Consultant  
[www.tablefor1.org](http://www.tablefor1.org)

Location: TBD

Door Prize: Win a dinner for 2





2:00 P.M.



**Featured Author:**  
**Wendell Pierce**  
Renowned actor in film (“Selma,” “Ray,” and “Waiting to Exhale”) and television (“The Wire” and “Suits”); Author of *The Wind in the Reeds: A Storm, a Play, and the City That Would Not Be Broken*  
Location: TBD



**Seminar: The Next 10 Days: Ushering in America’s 45th President**  
Presenter:  
**Catherine Fleming Bruce**  
Author and Global Governance and Policy Expert  
[www.sustainersbeingbuildingdoinggood.com](http://www.sustainersbeingbuildingdoinggood.com)  
Location: TBD

3:00 P.M.

**Featured Author:**  
**Carl Weber**  
Author of *NY Times* best-selling author of more than 15 novels, including *The Family Business* (1, 2 and 3), *The Man in 3B*, *Choir Director*, *Grand Opening*, and *The Man in 3B*, which was adapted for a BET movie  
[www.carlweber.net](http://www.carlweber.net)  
Location: TBD



**Seminar: Reclaiming Your Mental State and Breaking Down the Stigma of Mental Illness: The 4-Step Process**  
Presenter:  
**Dr. Hearley Smith**  
Author and Clinical Therapist  
Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium (Rear)



4:00 P.M.

**Featured Author:**  
**R. M. Johnson**  
Author of nine novels, including bestsellers *The Harris Family* and *The Million Dollar Divorce*  
Location: TBD



**Spoken Word Poetry Slam**  
Poet Host:  
**Victor B. Johnson Sr.**  
Location: Fallbrook Church Gymnasium (Rear)



6:00 P.M.  
2016 NBBF CLOSÉS



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